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SUBJ: FLIGHT TRAINING FOR CROWN PRINCE

REF: STATE 127787

1. APPRECIATE CHANCE TO COMMENT ON PROPOSED TEXT. DOD TEXT LOOKS FINE; HOWEVER, WE DO HAVE SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS RELATING TO ITS USE.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT PROPOSED RELEASE (PARA 2B OF REFTEL) SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE ISSUED AS A PRESS RELEASE OR ANNOUNCEMENT AT REESE AFB, AS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL, BUT THAT ENTIRE DOD TEXT SHOULD BE DRAWN ON ONLY IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS AS THEY ARISE. RECOGNIZING THAT POINT IS DEBATABLE, WE BELIEVE THAT IN THIS CASE PRESS RELEASE OR ANNOUNCEMENT IN ADVANCE OF QUERIES WOULD LEAD TO GREATER INTEREST THAN WOULD USE OF DOD TEXT AS BASIS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AS THEY COME UP.

3. AT SAME TIME, WE BELIEVE THAT EARLY NEXT STEP SHOULD BE FOR REESE AFB BASE COMMANDER TO BRIEF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN LUBBOCK. THIS SHOULD DESIRABLY BE DONE BEFORE FIRST LEAKS AND NEWS STORIES APPEAR SO THAT LUBBOCK ELDERS DO NOT HEAR ABOUT SUBJECT FIRST TIME THROUGH NEWSPAPERS.

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IT WOULD SEEM INEVITABLE TO US THAT FOLLOWING PRIVATE BRIEFING OF LUBBOCK OFFICIALS BY REESE BASE COMMANDER THAT LEAKS WOULD OCCUR, AT WHICH TIME DOD TEXT CAN BE DRAWN UPON TO FIELD RESULTANT QUERIES.

4. OUR ONLY OTHER COMMENT RELATES TO PARA 2D OF REFTEL. WE BELIEVE THAT REQUESTS FOR INTERVIEWS AND PHOTOGRAPHY

OF THE CROWN PRINCE AND THE OTHER IRANIAN STUDENTS SHOULD
BE CLEARED WITH WASHINGTON, PROBABLY HEADQUARTERS USAF.
THE IRANIAN COLONEL, (INCIDENTALLY HE IS IIGF NOT IIAF),
ATTENDS THE CROWN PRINCE AS HIS MILITARY AIDE. THOSE
HERE WHO KNOW THE COLONEL BELIEVE IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE
TO BURDEN HIM WITH THE PR FUNCTION.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE FINAL TEXT WHEN IT IS IN HAND,
INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF SUGGESTIONS ABOVE. WE BELIEVE
IT APPROPRIATE THAT YOU GET IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR
ZAHEDI AS INDICATED PARA ONE OF REFTEL. WE DO NOT
PLAN TO SHARE PROPOSED TEXT WITH OUR HOSTS HERE,
ALTHOUGH OBVIOUSLY WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DO SO IF
ASKED.
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